



TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	10/717,857
		Filing Date	November 19, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Khoury, David
		Art Unit	1732
		Examiner Name	Ortiz, Angela Y
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	18	Attorney Docket Number	718395.55

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below); Appendix A
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	<i>return postcard</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	Remarks:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin, LLP		
Signature			
Printed Name	Kevin M. Kercher		
Date	January 28, 2005	Reg. No.	33,408

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.
 Express Mail Label No.: EV528423351US

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Beth Hookway	Date	1-28-05

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



01-31-05

DFW/AH

PATENT
718395.55

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: David Khoury	:	Examiner: Angela Y. Ortiz
Serial No.: 10/717,857	:	Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: November 19, 2003	:	Attorney Docket No.: 718395.55
For: STOPCOCK	:	Customer No.: 27,128
	:	Confirmation No.: 5165
Last Office Action: September 30, 2004	:	

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached following page 9 of this paper.